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SUBJECT: LOCAL OBSERVANCE OF DEATH OF MAO TSE TUNG

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1. COMMEMORATION OF DEATH OF MAO TSE TUNG IN SUDAN HAS BEEN MORE OR LESS WHAT ONE WOULD HAVE EXPECTED. THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE MEDIA ATTENTION GENERALLY FAVORABLE TOWARD MAO, WHO IS GENUINELY RESPECTED BY MOST SUDANESE (BEING REVIEWED AND REPORTED SEPARATELY BY USIS). THERE HAVE BEEN MANY CABLES AND OFFICIAL EXPRESSIONS OF CONDOLENCES BY GOS LEADERS, INCLUDING, OF COURSE, NIMEIRI. GOS FLEW FLAGS AT HALF-MAST FOR FEW DAYS FOLLOWING MAO'S DEATH. WHILE MANY DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS FOLLOWED SUIT, THERE WAS NO GENERAL INSTRUCTION TO ALL MISSIONS TO DO SO. THERE HAVE BEEN NO GENERAL COMMEMORATORY SERVICES TO WHICH WE HAVE BEEN INVITED, OR OF WHICH WE AWARE.

2. PRC EMBASSY ANNOUNCED DEATH OF MAO AND A BOOK WAS AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WISHING TO EXPRESS CONDOLENCES. VISITORS TO EMBASSY, WHICH IN RATHER QUIET RESIDENTIAL AREA, WERE GREETED AND ESCORTED BY SEVERAL PRC EMBOFFS. IN ONE ROOM FILLED WITH PAPER FLOWERS AND PHOTO OF MAO, PRC CHARGE, TOGETHER WITH MILITARY AND COMMERCIAL  
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ATTACHES, SHARED MOMENT OF SILENCE WITH VISITORS AND

THEN ACCEPTED ORAL CONDOLENCES. VISITORS WERE THEN LED BY PRC EMBOFF TO SIGN BOOK. PROCESS WAS QUIET AND DIGNIFIED. IT TOOK LESS THAN FIVE MINUTES. SEVERAL PROMINENT GOS LEADERS VISITED PRC EMBASSY TO SIGN BOOK AND PAY RESPECTS.

3. CHARGE VISITED PRC EMBASSY ON BEHALF USG. ONE OF EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICERS ALSO VISITED PRC EMBASSY FEW DAYS AFTER MAO'S DEATH ANNOUNCED. CHINESE CHARGE SEEMED SOMEWHAT SURPRISED AND PLEASED AT OUR EXPRESSIONS OF CONDOLENCES.  
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